Egremont Conservation Commission

Thursday, November 18, 2021

Minutes

Call to order 5:30 pm

Commissioners Present:

Bill Tynan, David Seligman, Alexis Wreden Fakelmann, Patrick Riordan, David Campbell, Joyce Frater, Associate Member.

Present Online:

Mike Kulig, 50 Prospect Lake Road; Al Thorp, Michael Straher, 24 Lakeside Drive, Angela Sirois-Patel, Chris Buelow, Jug End Fen.

Approval of the minutes of October 28, 2021.

Public Hearings:

Opened: 5:33pm

Continuation of Public Hearing on a Notice of Intent (NOI), dep # 153-0228, by North Egremont Recreation Inc, 50 Prospect Lake Road regarding improvements to Prospect Lake Dam and Appurtenances, all of which will occur on private property and primarily in Bordering Vegetated Wetlands, Buffer Zone and Riverfront Area with dredging operations occurring in Land Under Water, all subject to the WPA. Includes site visit report.

Mike Kulig presented his approved drawings. Commission approved issuing an extended order of conditions to include, construction schedule, staging and storing equipment, how to protect and move soils with additional directives about areas to be protected during construction. And finally, the staging of and removal methods of invasive plants, areas of protection for existing trees, and a native plant list later in the process.

Closed: 6:02 pm

Open: 6:03 pm

Continuation of a Public Hearing on Notice of Intent (NOI) by Leslie Davenport and Michael Straher, 24 Lakeside Dr, #153-0231.

Al Thorpe presented revisions to the project after Emily Stockman's site assessment. under Peer Review. Applicant requested a further continuation pending a hearing before the Zoning Board of Appeals. <u>Hearing continued until 5:30 pm December 16,</u> 2021.

Closed: 6:11 pm

Open: 6:13 pm

Public Hearing on Extension Permit for Orders of Conditions from MA Division of Fisheries and Wildlife for continued work on the Jug End Fen, originally issued 02/04/2019, #153-0217. Extension request 02/03/3024, approved.

Closed: 6:19 pm

Projects New & Old:

- Site visit report, Zola 35A Creamery Road. <u>RDA closed.</u>
- Site visit, 22 Taconic Lane, Project Review Form. There has been no follow up since our site visit. Therefore, Commission cannot sign off on Building Permit.
- Project Review Form, Massachusetts Electric Company, additions, and replacements of utility poles on 71 Blunt Road, site visit report. Tree removal handed over to the Town of Egremont Tree Warden.
- Request for an RDA for a single car garage addition and front porch remodel, 127 Mt, Washington Rd. Public meeting schedule for December 16. David to place ad in the Berkshire Eagle and contact owners with a bill for the ad.

Citizen Inquiries: none

Correspondence:

- Emily Stockman, re: Peer Review Authorization, Al Thorpe, re: Peer Review Site Visits
- Berkshire Nature Conservancy re: former Friedman property on Jug End Road.
 Commission agrees a Site Visit is necessary. Patrick Riordan will accompany Angel Sirois-Patel.

Administrative:

- Site Visit sign-up Wizard. Process reviewed.
- Forest Stewardship Plan for the Town of Egremont. Open Space and Recreation Plan update.
- Wetlands By-law discussion to include suggestions from the MACC Bylaw example.
 Other ideas like the Scenic Mountains Act can potentially be included.
- Open Space and Recreation Plan update including grant opportunities.
- 2022 Budget due by December 15. David Seligman will work with Bill Tynan on the budget .

6:49 pm
Next regularly scheduled Commission meetings:
December 16, 2021; January 13, 2022.
Respectfully submitted,
Alexis Wreden Fakelmann

Adjournment: